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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-29 and 33-35 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 36-48:

1 --36. (New Claim) The program product of claim 30, wherein the program
2 further includes an evaluation module configured to select the selected program module
3 based upon the objective criteria.

1 37. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the program further
2 includes a reinforcement learning module, coupled to the evaluation module and
3 configured to adaptively select program modules based upon the performance of the
4 plurality of program modules in handling the computer task.

1 38. (New Claim) The program product of claim 37, wherein the reinforcement
2 learning module comprises an adaptive heuristic critic neural network.

1 39. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation
2 module is configured to retrieve information for a selected computer task, determine a
3 selected value for the objective criteria for the selected computer task, and select as the
4 selected program module one of the plurality of program modules which is matched with
5 the selected value of the objective criteria.

1 40. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation
2 module is implemented in an agent manager.

1 41. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation
2 module is implemented in the intelligent agent.

1 42. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the intelligent agent
2 includes only the selected program module from the plurality of program modules, and
3 wherein the evaluation module is configured to construct the intelligent agent using the
4 selected program module.

1 43. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the intelligent agent
2 includes each of the plurality of program modules, and wherein the evaluation module is
3 configured to execute only the selected program module to handle the computer task.

1 44. (New Claim) The program product of claim 36, wherein the plurality of
2 program modules are additive program modules, and wherein the evaluation module is
3 configured to select a subset of the plurality of program modules to handle the computer
4 task.